

## EXTRA SPECIAL

Today we received advise that another car of melons is enroute, this means **We Will Have to Hurry** and dispose of those now on hand, so today we begin the greatest melon sale of the season and offer you the finest melons in the city, the kind that are good and give you satisfaction in eating them. Come early and avoid the rush, be one of the first and get the pick of the lot. We guarantee everything we sell and sell all we guarantee.

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### Local Brevities.

A son was born yesterday to Mr. and Mrs. Chris Schmidt.

A marriage license was issued yesterday to Johan Mekalen and Anna Pederson, both of Clatsop county.

A bookkeeper of experience and reliability may secure position to take charge of books and act as cashier at the store of S. Danziger & Co.

John Allen, arrested for disorderly conduct and fined \$40, yesterday paid his fine. He was in jail for two days, so \$38 squared him with the city.

M. F. Hardesty was yesterday awarded the contract for wiring the new theater which is being constructed at Commercial and Eleventh streets by S. M. Cohn. The theater will be neat and attractive, and will be the third 10-cent showhouse in the city.

The run of fish was slack again yesterday, receipts having been less than on the previous day. The fish are still of fine quality and packers say they never put up a better article of salmon. The gillnetters continue to deliver the bulk of the salmon, the trappers and sealers having fared poorly. The expected big run has not yet materialized, but fish dealers have not lost hope.

The case of the state vs. Alex Grant, charged with seining without an Oregon license, was to have been tried in the justice's court yesterday morning. The necessary witnesses could not be secured, however, so the hearing was postponed until September 8. This case is brought to test the right of the officials of this state to collect licenses from sealers who have already secured licenses from Washington officials.

The steamer Redondo arrived down the river last evening and proceeded out. On the way down she broke her rudder chain, which delayed her for an hour. At Astoria she took on eight passengers. The Aurelia, from San Francisco, arrived yesterday afternoon. She had 10 passengers and 75 tons of freight for Astoria. After discharging she proceeded up the river for Portland.

Preliminary to yesterday afternoon's wrestling match, Fred Mueller, who

has returned to the city, went on with a man called "Curly" Smith. "Curly" roughed up matters for a round dug into Mueller with evident relish. When time was called Mueller punched Smith an easy blow, whereupon Smith quit, on the ground that Mueller fouled him. Then a long, lean sealer, who had been celebrating the end of the season, offered to take Smith's place. He fought two rounds with Mueller and his exhibition was highly amusing. He wore his street attire, except the coat, and his method of fighting kept the crowd in good humor. Neither of the men was damaged and the referee called it a draw.

A wire from Captain Cottam, commanding the Wyoming, was received yesterday at regatta headquarters and conveyed the pleasing intelligence that the Wyoming would be here during regatta week. Captain Cottam wires that the vessel will reach Astoria August 23, the opening day of the regatta, and remain during the week. Another battleship, probably the protected cruiser New York, at one time the queen of the seas, will also be ordered here. The presence of these two vessels will add to the pleasures of regatta week and will surely attract large crowds from the interior.

Chairman West, of the street committee, is rapidly getting his attractions in shape. Mr. West has proved himself to be a hustler of rare ability, and, while he shines especially as a manager of Indian shows, he is delivering the goods so far as other attractions are concerned. He is getting up his canvas in different parts of the city, and yesterday the big Ferris wheel was erected at the corner of Eleventh and Commercial. "Leave it to the committee to get up the street fair," said Mr. West yesterday afternoon. "We fell down on our Injuns, but we will have other attractions that will make up for the loss. Why, the show is going to be far ahead of any show we could have secured by contract." The performers have all been employed by the committee and the profits of the fair will go to the regatta committee.

Charles Knutsen was arrested yesterday morning by Captain Gammal for fighting. Knutsen swung on a man during a melee on the Bowery and caught the fellow fairly on the point of the jaw. Captain Gammal says it was the cleanest knockout blow he ever saw delivered. Knutsen will be tried today, having been released on

ball. Another fight occurred yesterday morning near the O. R. & N. dock, where two fishermen became involved. They pummeled each other until they were covered with blood. Then one of the men seized a truck stake and made three swings at his antagonist. Each time he missed him about an inch. Any one of the blows would have killed the fighter had it landed. No arrests were made, as the fight took place in an obscure place. This is the fighting season and the police expect to have lots of trouble.

"Competition is the life of trade," and the truth of the proverb has been manifest at Hedrick's during the present week. The house has been packed and the performance is pronounced to be excellent. The opening number is the clever singing and dancing turn of Grace Armond, the Zaras following with a novel lightning-change act. This team makes 27 complete changes in 14 minutes, the last one complete in 2 seconds. The juggling Mortons are putting on the best turn of the kind ever seen in this city. The four Mortons draw down big salaries and Manager Hedrick is elated to know that Astoria will pay for such high-class artists. Mr. Vardeman, the female impersonator, scored a big hit this week. The illustrated song and moving pictures are quite up to the standard, and altogether the program is one of exceptional merit. Manager Hedrick promises a great bill for regatta week. He will have 16 performers and the performance will be continuous from 10 a. m. until 11 p. m.

The Commercial Club football team will be strengthened greatly by the acquisition of a famous Michigan tackle, who is now an employee of the Clatsop Mill Company. The tackle's name was not learned yesterday, but it is said of him that he knows football from a to z. The football players are now practicing nightly. Charles Abercrombie will probably continue to play his position, fullback, although he wants to find another man for the place. However, when the Multnomah games are played "Aber" can be depended upon to don his suit. George Barker, Roxy Graham, Brother Harry and Charles Halderman are all going to try for the back line, while Blair, Ted Sutton and the Michigan man are to try for tackle. Bay will have no trouble to make center. For ends Regan, Curtis, Nat Tallant, Knutsen and Jones will strive for place, while Gammal and Goddard will be the guards. Stockton will play quarterback, provided some other quarterback does not materialize who gives a better account of himself. Stockton played great ball last season, and is looked upon to do even better this year. There is plenty of good timber available, and the Commercial team ought to defeat all comers.

#### PERSONAL MENTION.

M. J. Kinney came down from Portland last night.

F. W. Schmidt, of New York city, is in Astoria on a business trip.

B. H. Trumbull, the well known Portland railroad man, is in the city.

Mrs. William Kelly has returned from a visit with friends in the Nehalem valley.

George S. Taylor, traveling passenger agent for the Wisconsin, is in the city.

Among the Portlanders in town today are W. A. Campbell, L. B. Stearns, G. A. Taylor, T. C. Shaw and R. W. Colson.

Fred K. Bowen, representing Northrup & Sturgis, of Portland, passed through the city yesterday en route to South Bend and other towns in southwestern Washington.

Secretary of State Dunbar came down yesterday from Salem and left last evening for Seaside, where Mrs. Dunbar is visiting. Mr. Dunbar will return to the capital in a few days.

Charles Humphreys, local manager for the Postal, has returned from his wedding trip. Mrs. Humphreys is suffering with rheumatism and will remain for a few weeks at the springs before joining her husband here.

#### O. R. & N. STEAMERS TO USE OIL.

River Boats Will Be Equipped This Fall With Oil-Burning Apparatus.

Oregonian: The O. R. & N. Co. has decided to put oil-burning apparatus in its river steamers. It has made application to the authorities for permission to equip the Potter, Hasagalo, Harvest Queen and Oklahoma for this purpose. The last named boat will be the first to be converted. The tanks and appliances have been ordered for her, and will be installed in the fall, after which the changes will be made in the other steamers.

The steamer Ione, of the Vancouver & La Comas Transportation Company, will also be turned into an oil burner.

#### SMITH GOT ONE FALL.

Made Good Showing in Wrestling Match With Tom Davies.

It is somewhat singular that Astorians will not turn out to see wrestling matches. A fight between two fifth rate men will draw a crowd, but a wrestling match, such as was pulled off last night, usually is attended by 100 persons. Wrestling is as much ahead of the fistic sport put up by the ordinary northwest scrappers as professional baseball is ahead of tom ball, and the event of last night should have been witnessed by 500 people, at the very least. Tom Davies, of Victoria, is wonderfully proficient at the game and holds the United States championship at his weight, 185 pounds. Strangler Smith wrestled at 156, his herculean strength almost offsetting Davies' skill.

The match was scheduled to take place yesterday afternoon. The men had been on the mat but a few minutes when the crowd was given ample evidence that the contest would be an interesting one. Smith's magnificent strength made him difficult to handle, but after 33 minutes of the hardest kind of work Davies downed him with a bar hold and half Nelson. The men wrestled for 30 minutes on the second bout, but by agreement quit until 8:30. The crowd was somewhat larger at night than during the afternoon, and quite as enthusiastic. It was 9:35 before the men got to work, trouble with the lights causing delay. During the afternoon Smith had secured several leg holds on Davies, whereby the latter was stood upon his head. However, he managed to break this hold during the afternoon, but during the evening match the hold proved his undoing. In securing the leg hold Smith doubled up Davies' limbs in such a manner that the champion could not work them, and gradually the stocky little fellow ground the champion down. It was a superb test of strength on the part of Smith. The fall was scored in 9 minutes.

The wrenching which Smith gave Davies' neck put the champion in pretty bad shape for a time, but he recovered. After 20 minutes' wrestling Davies got a bar hold and leg hold and floored the Strangler. Smith broke a hammerlock during this bout, and frequently freed himself from half Nelsons, but the bar hold and leg hold were too much for him, and his arm would have been broken had he not given up.

Some weeks ago Smith broke a rib wrestling with Drews and the injury troubled him last night. He sprained his knee last evening and the leg was badly swollen. Despite this, he continued with the match, but his strength was almost gone and Davies threw him with a cross-buttock after 15 minutes' wrestling. During the last bout Smith gave another remarkable exhibition of his great strength. Davies had him on the floor, with one shoulder down. With a bar hold he was gradually forcing Smith to the mat. Suddenly Smith's left hand went up and from the most difficult position imaginable he raised the champion in the air and freed himself from the hold.

All in all, it was a contest full of fine, spectacular work. Davies is a wonderfully clever man and his work aroused the enthusiasm of the crowd. Smith's strength almost evened matters. There was never a murmur from either of the contestants, who showed each other every courtesy.

Last night Smith issued a challenge to Davies for another match. His challenge was handed in to The Astorian, and is as follows:

"Astoria, Aug. 17.—I challenge Mr. Davies for a return match, as I think I have a chance. It does not matter to me when, or on what condition, so long as he accepts.

"STRANGLER SMITH."

#### OFF FOR THE WORLD'S FAIR.

A number of Astorians will start for the great St. Louis fair early next month, among whom there will be a bunch of Herman Wise's customers, who are wise enough to buy their clothing, hats, etc., at Herman Wise's elegant store.

On the evening of the 29th of this month Mr. Wise gives a dance for the benefit of his customers; there will be cakewalks and fancy dancing for presents, and at about 11 o'clock there will be decided which of Herman Wise's clothing customers shall receive the first-class round-trip tickets to and from the famous St. Louis fair. Mr. Wise gives a number with each ten-dollar purchase.

#### Meeting Notice.

Astoria Central Labor Council will hold a special meeting at the Fishermen's hall on Astor street Thursday evening, August 18, at 7:30. All members are requested to be present.

H. B. CORNELL,  
Secretary.

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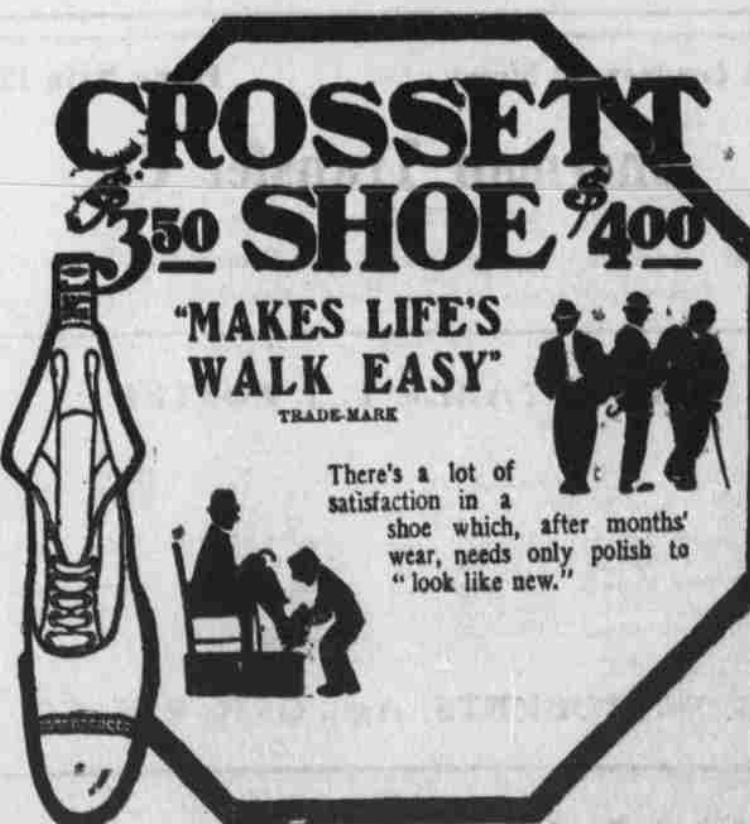
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